I feel that Morse code plays an important part in Amateur Radio. If we continue to reduce the requirements for access to the hobby/service it will turn into nothing more than CB. Already requirements have been lessoned to the point that anybody that can memorize a few answers can get a license. No knowledge required. The person that takes the time and makes the effort to learn the code is doing it for the enjoyment of the hobby/service and is probably a bit more than an appliance operator. If we want to maintain a higher level of competence in the hobby/service we are going to have to maintain a higher level of access.